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TOTAL STILL A MYSTERY

**First of Many Instalments of Ma-
terial Taken from Enemy Soon
to Leave for States**

The iron spoils of Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and Argonne will soon be lining the streets and squares of Washington, "city of magnificent distances" and capital of the United States of America. Guns captured on the battlefield by American troops will also be put on show in public places in other American cities, according to present plans.

For the first instalment of captured enemy material on any scale is about to go to the States. Two hundred and fifty pieces of German artillery are being sent over to help put the next Liberty Loan across. Each one will carry somewhere about its grim bulk a history of itself—what made it, who used it, and who took it, and how. The 250 will include examples of heavy and light artillery of different calibers, anti-aircraft guns, mortars, bomb throwers and minenwerfers.

The showpieces will be followed eventually by the rest of the captured enemy material, for Uncle Sam intends to take it all home with him. Out of that which is classed as serviceable he is going to take a goodly lot of supplies for engineering, study and repair, from both serviceable and unserviceable he is going to select numerous pieces for historical value; and from all that is left he will adorn America's public places with laurels of victory.

Still an Unsolved Problem

How much stuff American troops took from the Germans is a question on which the Ordnance Department and the Salvage Service and several others are still working. If one took the figures of each division for the quantity of guns and material it has captured and added upon the old theory that the whole is equal to the sum of all its parts, he would have some very impressive figures. So far as the United States Government officially knows, however, there were in its depots in France the first part of this month the following captured ordnance: 14 pieces of heavy artillery, 217 pieces of light, five anti-aircraft guns, 24 mortars, 74 bomb throwers and minenwerfers, 3,000 machine guns, 26,000 submachine guns, 200,000 rifles. It is believed, however, that these figures will soon rise to 5,000 machine guns, 1,000 pieces of artillery, 5,000 machine guns, and notably knows how many submachine guns and rifles.

The final figures, indeed, depend upon just how far the Ordnance Department can get the different regiments to disgorge. There is a decided tendency on the regiments' part to want to do their own thing. The Ordnance Department, however, is very much the same spirit as the two doughboys who are now proudly carrying around in their pockets each a half of the battle flag of a regiment of the Imperial Prussian Guard.

Many of the captured pieces already in the hands of the Ordnance Department have interesting histories. Some of them are Russian guns captured by the Boche and recaptured again by the doughboy. Among them also is an old Turkish gun. The largest captured German gun in hand is a 42-centimeter Krupp.

Under Armistice Terms

The Ordnance Department will probably never get all the captured enemy guns and material, although, in some way or another, most of them will reach America. The Ordnance Department will, however, get quite a nice little bit of material from the Germans under the armistice terms. Under those terms the Allies were to receive from Germany 5,000 large guns, 30,000 machine guns and 4,000 mine throwers. The United States is to get about 20 per cent of this, all of which will be serviceable.

To date the Germans have turned over to the A.E.F. in accordance with the armistice, 152 pieces of artillery, only one of which has been definitely accepted, 72 of which have been conditionally accepted, and of which have been definitely rejected. The majority of guns rejected were old models or lacked accessory parts. The guns conditionally accepted in most cases lacked some accessories which it is expected will be forthcoming.

There are tremendous quantities of German ammunition in our hands. Every bit of this, except a small amount for each type of gun, is being exploded in the battlefield areas. Gas shells are being disposed of in two ways—either dumped into the sea or else exploded little by little with very much larger quantities of other ammunition. Hundreds of thousands of hand grenades are being destroyed.

The general policy of the Ordnance Department over here will be to classify all captured enemy material as either serviceable or unserviceable. Included in serviceable will be all that which can be readily repaired for service. No repairs of this kind, except those actually necessary to hold the guns together, will be made on this side, however.

Rest to Be Shown as Trophies

Material will be taken from the serviceable class for engineering study and tests and from both classes for historical purposes. It is considered that a piece is valuable for historical purposes by reason of its "oddy, special circumstances of capture, or value as showing chronological sequence and development." Pieces not taken for these purposes will be used as trophies. All the pieces selected for engineering study and tests will go either to Washington or to one of the many arsenals throughout the country.

Every machine gun and serviceable rifle will go to the States, as will all trench mortars and all special fire control apparatus. For every serviceable gun will be sent a small amount of ammunition. All serviceable German equipment, and this includes 900 different kinds of field equipment, will be sent across.

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The early signing of the armistice is a shortage of textbooks. These were being printed in the States in large numbers when the fighting ended, however, and are arriving in France in increasing quantities.

Early last fall, when the commission wished to place an order for textbooks, it found that there were not \$50,000 worth of textbooks on the market, the War Industries Board having stopped their publication. The commission succeeded in having the board lift the ban on the manufacture of paper, pulp and white paper, and the printing of the textbooks, and placed an initial order through the Y.M.C.A. for \$2,000,000 worth of books for the A.E.F. These are being sent in small lots.

The Army Educational Commission, which acts in an advisory capacity to G-5, General Staff, has a personnel of almost 300 men. Its central body consists of 100 American educators, Dr. John Erskine, of Columbia university, chairman; Dr. Frank E. Spaulding, superintendent of public instruction, Ohio; and Dr. Robert L. Butterfield, president of Massachusetts Agricultural College. These men were selected late last summer as exceptionally well qualified to direct the educational work in the A.E.F., as contemplated in the report of Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, secretary of Yale university, who made a study of the educational possibilities in the Army last winter.

Work in Districts

Various commissions have been established by the commission. Each is headed by specially chosen educators. In different parts of France the commission has representatives whose duty it is to supervise and assist the educational work in their respective districts. There are approximately 150 of these representatives, many of whom were school superintendents or teachers in the States.

The commission is charged with mapping out educational programs for the approval of the Army, outlining courses, selecting texts, preparing syllabi and generally acting in an advisory capacity to G.H.Q. Helig. Gen. Robert L. Rees, who had charge of militarizing the colleges and universities of the United States last year, has come to France to forward the work of organizing educational activities in the A.E.F.

The members of the Army Educational Commission and personnel were brought to France at the expense of the Y.M.C.A., which is providing funds for their maintenance, furnishing living allowances, office quarters, supplies and the like. The Army, however, is responsible for the organization of the post and other schools. Field representatives of the commission give assistance and advice to Army school instructors and otherwise aid in the general plan.

13,350 STUDENTS IN THIRD ARMY SCHOOL; 960 TEACHERS

With a matriculation of 13,350, and more coming, and a faculty of 960 officers and enlisted men, the Third Army school has shed its pin feathers and leaped swiftly to the fore as America's biggest university in Germany. A representative of the Army of Occupation is going to school, with the percentage rising to 17 in the Cologne area.

The Yanks along the Rhine are taking full advantage of Training Memorandum No. 7, which provides that each afternoon shall be devoted to athletics or school, and a great majority are foregoing football, baseball and basketball to fit themselves for better jobs than they had before Uncle Sam called them for overseas duty.

On Feb. 22, 23, 24, G.H.Q. issued February 11 and providing for vocational training centers will be established in the various divisions of the Third Army, where men wishing vocational subjects may be qualified and where they can attend school daily.

One of these is likely to be established in the region of Trier, in the 8th and 9th divisional areas, where already there are German agricultural schools which have been utilized by Yanks from those divisions, which are made up of men from agricultural States.

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SENIORITY RIGHTS FOR RAILROADERS

**General Principle Laid Down
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Railroad men in the A.E.F. will have their seniority rights restored and will be given preference in re-employment by the railroads of the United States, according to cable information received at General Headquarters. The statement of the Director General of Railroads is an assurance to railroad men in the service that they will be able to go back to their old work when they are discharged. (a) In the case of men from G.O. 51, United States Railroad Administration, follows:

"The majority of railroads under Federal control have already made arrangements with respect to the preservation of seniority rights for employees who have entered the military service of the Army, and have indicated their willingness to practice preference in re-employment or reinstatement would be given to soldiers and sailors when mustered out of the service."

If Physically Qualified

"(1) In order that, as near as practicable, there shall be a uniform treatment of this matter, the following general principles will govern: (a) In the case of an employee having established seniority rights, so far as practicable, and where the employee is physically qualified, he will be restored to such seniority rights. (b) In the case of employees who do not have the seniority rights under existing practices, a consistent effort will be made to provide employment for them when mustered out of military service."

"(2) Upon railroads where the assurances given on this subject have been more specific than the provisions of paragraph 1 hereof, such assurances shall be observed."

Lieut. Col. C. J. Short is in charge of Third Army railroad matters. He was assisted by Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont.

NIGHT SCHOOL AT LE MANS DRAWS WAITING SOLDIERS

The Ecole Pratique du Commerce at Le Mans, equipped with desks of the two-meter variety, carved with such inscriptions as "Vive Wilson" and "Vive l'Armee," where several hundred earnest soldiers of the American Embarkation Center nightly go to study, promises to be a growing concern.

Already typewriters are being attacked by erstwhile Hun-hunters, pencils are being pushed through the intricacies of shorthand, and the law is being studied by prospective penmen. Law is being dissected, artists are painting, coming lectures and politicians and plain citizens (later only are mentioned) are being taught in the little amphitheatre provided in days gone by for home talent. Music, history, journalism, civics, English, French, engineering, mathematics are being taught. Soldiers chosen from among the organizations in the area are the instructors, with the exception of Miss Mabel Otis, of the Y.M.C.A., who is chief of the club, and Mile. Dupourquy, French instructor.

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